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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: OPEC, ENRG, AU

SUBJECT: OPEC SECRETARIAT ATMOSPHERICS-MEETINGS STILL SCHEDULED

1. MOST OPEC STAFFERS ARE AGAIN BACK IN THE OFFICE AFTER

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THE HOLIDAYS, BUT VIRTUALLY NO WORK IS BEING DONE. MOST

OF THE EMPLOYEES ARE TALKING ABOUT THE TERRORIST TAKEOVER, TRADING AND EMBELLISHING ON THEIR OWN "WAR STORIES". THERE APPEARS TO BE NO DIRECTION FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL AT THE MOMENT, THUS LEAVING EMPLOYEES WITH LITTLE TO DO BUT GOSSIP AND READ. THE SECRETARY GENERAL STILL APPEARS SHOCKED BY THE TAKEOVER AND SPENDS MOST OF THE WORKING DAY IN HIS OFFICE; HE DOES NOT EXIT THE OFFICE BUILDING ALONE, BUT SEEKS COLLEAGUES TO ACCOMPANY HIM.

2. THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND DR. MAHJOOB HASSANAIN, CHIEF OF THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT, WERE IN CARACAS OVER THE NEW YEAR TO JOIN IN VENEZUELAN CEREMONIES CELEBRATING THE COMPLETE TAKEOVER OF THE OIL INDUSTRY THERE. HASSANAIN WENT ON TO JAMAICA TO ATTEND IMF MEETING.

3. THERE ARE NO PLANS KNOWN AT THIS TIME TO CHANGE THE VENUE OF PREVIOUSLY-SCHEDULED OPEC MEETINGS. THE FINANCE EXPERTS WILL MEET IN VIENNA ON JAN 12 TO PREPARE FOR THE FINANCE MINISTERS' MEETING ON JAN 26. RUMORS ABOUND THAT THE OIL MINISTERS WILL MEET ANEW TO CONTINUE THE INTERRUPTED DECEMBER CONFERENCE, BUT NO HARD INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE YET.BUCHANAN

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